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PRESIDENT LOPEZ MATEOS ARRIVED 1:00 P.M. OCTOBER 24 AND
ADDRESSED NATION FROM PALACE BALCONY FORTY-MINUTES LATER.
FIRST PORTION OF TEN-MINUTE SPEECH WAS A REPORT ON HIS TRIP.
HE EMPHASIZED THAT IN ALL HIS PUBLIC UTTERANCES HE HAD SPOKEN
OF PEACE AND NEED TO PRESERVE IT..

WITH REFERENCE TO WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "GRAVE CRISIS
IN CARIBBEAN" LOPEZ MATEOS SAID THAT ANY AGGRAVATION OF THE
SITUATION WOULD HAVE DISASTROUS RESULTS FOR ALL HUMANITY,
AND PLEDGED MEXICO WOULD SEEK TO PRESERVE PEACE. HE SAID
MEXICO WOULD BE FAITHFUL TO ITS COMMITMENTS, AND THAT AS
MEMBER OF THE OAS AND UN IT WOULD SEEK TO WORK THROUGH
THOSE BODIES FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO PRESENT CRISIS.
HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING MEXICO WAS ON THE SIDE OF DEMOCRACY AND
WILL STRIVE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM.

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